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For: MULTILAYER GOLF BALL WITH HOOP-
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry and consideration during the examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked up version of the revised claims, showing insertions and deletions, is included in Appendix A. Please amend the claims as follows:

9. (Twice Amended) The golf ball of claim 2, wherein the encapsulating shell comprises a first encapsulating layer and a second encapsulating layer, and wherein the hoop-stress layer is disposed between the first and second encapsulating layers.

18. (Amended) The golf ball of claim 13, wherein the at least one material has a first cross-sectional area, and wherein the activation of the binding material creates a second cross-sectional area greater than the first.

43. (Amended) A golf ball comprising:
a core;
a hoop-stress layer wrapped about the core comprising:
at least one strand having a first cross-sectional area;

a binding material applied to the at least one strand prior to wrapping
about the core to increase the first cross-sectional area by about 5
percent or greater; and
a cover.